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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents, except the U.S. patents, are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. patent application number. A copy of this application is also enclosed.

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The Okabe article is discussed on page 2 of the subject specification.

Japanese patent document number 6-260385 is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,559,584.

Japanese patent document number 8-279458 is discussed on page 4 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,341,006.

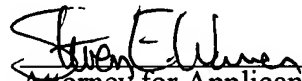
Japanese patent document number 2001-27727 corresponds to European patent document number 1 069 448 A1, copy also enclosed.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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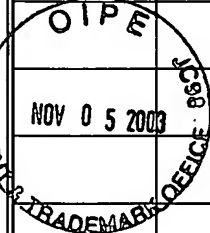
  
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